

COVID-19 Initial Reporting Procedures for Collin College Students

Collin College provides the following guidelines for fully vaccinated or unvaccinated individuals.

FULLY VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS. If you experience COVID-19 symptoms, get tested or contact the Dean of Students Office. If you do not have COVID-19 symptoms and have been tested negative, mask-wearing and social distancing are optional. If you choose to wear a mask, practice the correct use of mask-wearing (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-to-wear-cloth-face-coverings.html>). Guidance on appropriate distancing, correct handwashing, and respiratory etiquette may be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html>.

The college will consider you to be fully vaccinated and protected two weeks after either of the following vaccines.

- The date of your single-dose vaccine (Johnson & Johnson).
- The date of your second shot for a double-dose vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna).

Once you are fully vaccinated:

- You can resume activities on campus that you did prior to the pandemic without a mask or social distancing. It is optional for you to continue to wear a mask or observe social distancing to protect unvaccinated individuals, but note that the college cannot mandate the use of masks by others.
- If you experience illness with:
 - COVID-19 symptoms, go to the procedures outlined in “Step 2. Initial Contact” for unvaccinated individuals below.
 - Non-COVID-19 symptoms, contact each of your faculty members directly for guidance in accordance with their syllabus policy.

Things to consider about the COVID-19 vaccine:

- Some individuals may initially experience a reaction to the vaccine that mimics COVID-19 symptoms. A period of Isolation is not required in such circumstances, and students should work with their faculty members to determine course assignments.
- You may receive positive test results from an antigen and some antibody tests after receiving the vaccine.
- There is a chance that you may still contract COVID-19. If you receive positive results from a PCR or viral test, then immediately notify covid19answers@collin.edu.

UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS. Unvaccinated persons should continue to follow existing procedures.

Step 1. Self-Monitoring. Self-monitor for COVID-19 conditions.

A. Potential Exposure. Being within six (6) feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of at least 15 minutes over a 24-hour period starting from 2 days before symptoms or diagnosis. *Note: Healthcare employees or healthcare faculty or faculty working in healthcare who come in contact during their work, but wear appropriate PPE are exempt.*

B. Symptomatic. The onset of any of the following symptoms.

- Cough
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath
- Chills
- Headache
- Loss of taste or smell
- Muscle pain
- Diarrhea
- Fever (over 100.0 F)

- C. COVID testing: Tested positive for a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) viral or similar test.

NOTE: Antigen, RAPID, or antibody tests are no longer accepted because they may present a false positive for fully vaccinated individuals.

Step 2. Initial Contact. Provide the Dean of Students Office the *applicable* information by email to dos@collin.edu:

- A. Contact information (name, phone number, email, CWID).
- B. College information.
 - Course number(s)
 - Method of instruction (online, hybrid, blended, or face-to-face)
 - Independent School District name if dual credit
 - Student housing number if residing on campus
 - Collin College supervisor if a student employee
- C. Situation information.
 - Date of potential exposure
 - Date that symptoms appeared
 - Date of doctor's diagnosis
 - Date of vaccine(s) (if applicable)
 - Date that COVID test administered
 - COVID test type (PCR, antigen, other)
 - COVID test results (awaiting, positive, negative)
- D. Date last on any Collin College location and where (campus and room number).
- E. Names of Collin College students or employees with whom you may have been in close contact up to two (2) days *prior* to symptoms, positive COVID test results, or doctor's diagnosis.

Step 3. Awaiting Test Results. Students are **prohibited from visiting any Collin College locations** while awaiting PCR test results. Students will inform the Dean of Students Office upon receipt of PCR test results.

Step 4. Self-quarantine/self- isolation. Immediately begin either a ten (10) day self-quarantine or self-isolation. During this time, you are **prohibited from visiting any Collin College locations**.

Step 5. Feedback. The Dean of Students Office will contact you to provide additional information and instructions when it is appropriate for you to return.

Step 6. Update. Immediately contact the Dean of Students Office if your situation changes. All protocols are subject to change per future government or agency guidance.